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**From:** NICC [<mailto:NICC@HQ.DHS.GOV>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2015 3:24 PM  
**Subject:** (FOUO) Situational Awareness Report – Spill of Wastewater Into River After Mine Plug Blowout – San Juan County, CO - 06 Aug 15

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For your situational awareness:

#### **Critical Infrastructure Involved:** Water (Wastewater)

Open sources reported a spill of approximately one million gallons of wastewater into the Animas River after a mine plug blowout at the Gold King Mine in San Juan County, CO:

- Health and environmental officials are evaluating the river
- The spill is threatening water quality, which prompted warnings to agricultural and recreational water users
- Drinking water has not been affected
- All agricultural water users have been asked to shutter their water intakes
- Owners are being advised to keep pets and livestock out of the river until further testing can be completed

- Colorado Parks and Wildlife biologists are monitoring the impact on fish and other wildlife

- The river flows through Durango and into the San Juan River in Farmington, NM

The NICC anticipates further reporting on this incident as the situation develops.

**\* This information is based on initial reporting and is being provided for your situational awareness. Reporting may have inaccuracies due to a rapidly developing situation and is subject to change.**

If you have any questions or concerns about this matter, contact the NICC at 202-282-9201 or [NICC@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:NICC@hq.dhs.gov). Thank you.

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